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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**1.) Claim Amendments**

All rejected claims have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 15, 45, and 61-68 are pending in the application.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 15, 45, and 61-68 in paragraph 4 of the Office Action.

3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In paragraphs 1-2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 35-37, 40, 42-44, 46, 50, 53, 54, 56-58 and 60 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the applicants admitted prior art (AAPA) in view of Ramakrishnan (US 5,974,028). Claims 35-37, 40, 42-44, 46, 50, 53, 54, 56-58 and 60 have been canceled.

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 41, 55, and 59 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the applicants admitted prior art (AAPA) in view of Ramakrishnan, and further in view of Burdick et al. (US 6,041,352). Claims 41, 55, and 59 have been canceled.

CONCLUSION

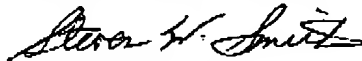
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 15, 45, and 61-68.

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The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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